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SUBJECT: SEVENTH URUPABOL MEETING CONCLUDED

1. FOLLOWING THREE DAYS OF CONCENTRATED WORK SESSIONS, THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE PERMANENT MIXED COMMISSION OF URUPABOL (URUGUAY, PARAGUAY AND BOLIVIA), AN UNOFFICIAL INFORMAL ORGANIZATION OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCE OFFICIALS OF THE THREE NATIONS, WAS CONCLUDED HERE ON AUGUST 13. IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR, URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO PARAGUAY CARLOS ABDALA SAID HE HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE PROMISING RESULTS OF THE THREE DAY CONFERENCE.

2. ACCORDING TO GOP SOURCES, THE PRINCIPAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE WERE DECISIONS TO PROCEED TO STUDY A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A TRI-NATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE, SUBMIT A JOINT REQUEST TO THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR PREPARATION OF A PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY ON A  
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PROJECTED TRI-NATIONAL OIL TRANSPORT SYSTEM, AND

SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST TO THE IDB TO PERFORM STUDIES  
RELATED TO THE INTER-CONNECTION OF THE TRANS-CHACO HIGHWAY  
(PARAGUAY) WITH THE BOLIVIAN HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

3. THE MIXED COMMISSION DECIDED TO GIVE THE GOVERNMENTS  
OF PARAGUAY AND BOLIVIA UNTIL DECEMBER 15 TO STUDY THE  
PROPOSAL FOR A TRI-NATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE WHICH WAS  
PRESENTED BY THE URUGUAYAN REPRESENTATIVE. IF AGREEMENT  
IS REACHED AT THAT TIME, THE PROJECT WILL BE SUBMITTED  
FOR STUDY TO A GROUP OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS FROM THE  
THREE COUNTRIES WHO WOULD THEN DRAW UP A REQUEST TO BE  
SUBMITTED TO THE IDB FOR A PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY.

4. DISCUSSION OF THE OIL TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS RESOLVED  
AROUND A PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT A PIPELINE FROM THE  
BOLIVIAN OIL FIELDS TO THE PARAGUAY RIVER WHERE A SYSTEM  
OF BARGES WOULD TRANSPORT THE CRUDE OIL TO PARAGUAYAN  
AND URUGUAYAN REFINERIES.

5. AMONG OTHER DECISIONS OF THE URUPABOL MIXED COMMISSION  
WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING OF A PERMANENT  
SECRETARIAT WITH HEADQUARTERS IN ASUNCION. DR. EULALIO  
R. PALACIOS, AN OFFICIAL OF THE PARAGUAYAN MINISTRY OF  
FINANCE WAS DESIGNATED AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. THE  
GROUP ALSO AGREED TO HOLD THE NEXT MEETING OF THE  
MIXED COMMISSION IN URUGUAY AT A TIME TO BE DETERMINED  
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY.

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